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Application of: Michael L. Boyer et al.

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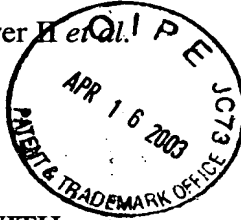
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Sir:

Pursuant to Applicants' duty of disclosure under 37 C.F.R. § 1.56, Applicants hereby invite the Examiner's attention to the 14 references listed on the enclosed revised Form PTO-1449, copies of which are provided herewith.

Applicants respectfully request that the Examiner review all of the references and make them of record in the present application by completing and returning the enclosed revised Form PTO-1449.

A fee of \$180 is believed to be due for this submission. Please charge the required fee to Pennie & Edmonds Deposit Account No. 16-1150.

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